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Record goes as high temperatures return

10 August 2003

As temperatures return to levels seen last Wednesday, the Met Office can reveal that today has been the hottest day ever recorded in Britain.

The highest temperature seen so far this afternoon (as of 1500) was 37.9 °C recorded at Heathrow airport, west of London at around 1445. This temperature converts to just a touch over 100 °F. This comfortably beat the previous record of 37.1 °C set in Cheltenham on 3 August 1990. When the final list of highest temperatures is collated we may find that temperatures have edged even higher, but this will not be known until well into the evening.

Until today the hottest day so far this year was on Wednesday (6th) when the temperature reached 36.4 °C in Gravesend.

More about the high temperatures of August 2003

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